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- 1. Violence between Partido de la Union Socialista Republicana (FUSR) and Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) demonstrators on 1 May 1949 brought about police intervention and resulted in several persons being killed and numerous others being injured.
- 2. The MNR called strikes in major La Paz factories, and made attacks on police stations. MNR demonstrators knocked out several panes from the front door of the United States Embassy.
- 3. The government is reported to be in control of the situation in La Paz, and a state of siege is again in force throughout the country. Incomplete election returns give the PUSR 25 candidates elected, the MNR 11, and the Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) 4.
- 4. The Director General of Bolivian Police and the Chief of Police in La Paz stated on 2 May that the situation in La Paz was very grave. They gave the known casualties for the 1 May disturbances as: 3 civilians and 2 police dead, 40 civilians and 7 police wounded. The number of casualties is said to be mounting from clashes on 2 May between police and Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) elements.
- 5. MNR agitators entered textile factories and a brewery on 2 May, forcing all workers to go on strike. The railways in La Paz are suspending operations. The MNR is said to be operating a clandestine radio station on 1550 kilocycles.

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